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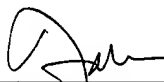
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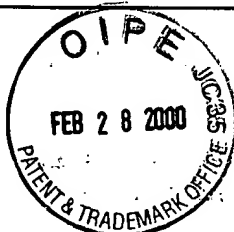
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Reasons for Allowance From

Response to Amendment

08/934,457 now PN 5,999,908

The arguments are considered moot in view of applicant's amendment of the claims.

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Allowable Subject Matter (was coded incorrectly)

2. Claims 2-5, 7,8,14, 16-36,38-42,48,49,52,53 are allowable..

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3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As per Claim 48:

The prior art of record taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

A system for use with units of a computer product that are in use respectively by different users, comprising:

a user interface which is part of each of the units of the computer product and provides a medium for two-way local interaction between the user and the unit of the product,

interaction scripts that mediate two way interaction between each of the users and the corresponding unit of the product via the user interface, each of the interaction scripts causing information and questions about use of the unit of the product to be conveyed to the user from the unit of the product and enabling information and questions about use of the unit of the product to be conveyed from the user to the product, different ones of the interaction scripts being suitable for users who are at different levels of experience of functionality in using the product,

in combination with all the limitations of Claim 48.

As per Claims 2-5, 7,8,14, 16-22,49, which depend from 48 are allowable for the same reasons.

As per Claim 23.

The prior art of record taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

A method for aiding design of a product comprising:

including with the first version an interactive user feedback element that permits two-way communication between a user of the product and a designer of the product which accumulates information on use of the product by a user, the user feedback element including a user control for selectively enabling or disabling the user feedback element,

in combination with all the limitations of Claim 23.

As per Claims 24-36,38-42, which depend from Claim 23, are allowable for the same reasons.

As per Claim 52:

The prior art of record taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

A system for use with units of a computer product that are in use respectively by different users, the system comprising:

a user interface which is part of each of the units of the computer product and provides a medium for two-way local interaction between the user and the unit of the product, the user

interface including a user control for selectively enabling or disabling the user interface,,
in combination with all the limitations of Claim 52.

As per Claim 53:

The prior art of record taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach:

A system for managing information about a value to users of units of a computer product that are in use by the users, the system comprising:

in each of the units of the computer product, a user interface which provides a medium for two-way local interaction between the user and the unit of the product,

interaction scripts that mediate two-way interaction between each of the users and the corresponding unit of the product via the user interface, each of the interaction scripts carrying information about the value to users of the product,

in combination with all the limitations of Claim 53.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Dixon whose telephone number is (703) 305-4645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7am to 3pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Voeltz, can be reached on (703) 305-9714. The Official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-9051; the Unofficial fax